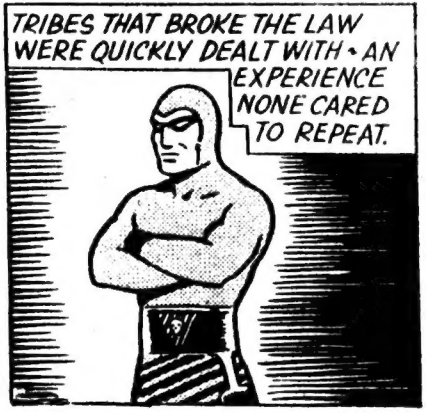
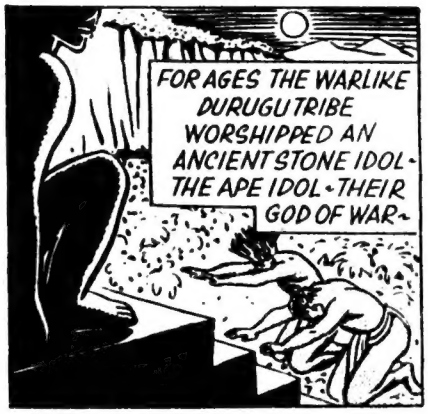
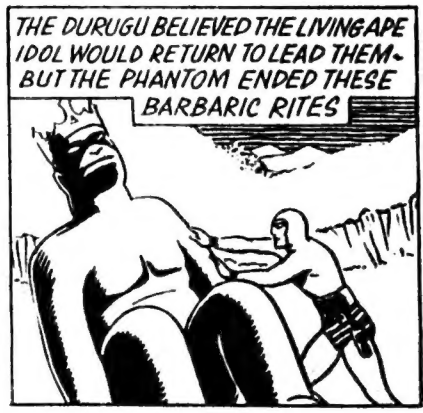
FOR MANY YEARS THE PHANTOM'S LAW HAS KEPT PEACE IN THE JUNGLE~~


TRIBES THAT BROKE THE LAW WERE QUICKLY DEALT WITH - AN EXPERIENCE NONE CARED TO REPEAT.

SO, PEACE HELD SWAY - THE JUNGLE WAS SAFE - TRIBAL WAR WAS ALMOST FORGOTTEN.
ZZZZ

NOW, IN THE PHANTOM'S ABSENCE, AN INCREDIBLE RUMOR SWEEPS THE JUNGLE. THE PEACEFUL DURUGU TRIBE IS ON THE WARPATH!
TOMORROW: LEGEND OF THE DURUGU


FOR AGES THE WARLIKE DURUGU TRIBE WORSHIPPED AN ANCIENT STONE IDOL - THE APE IDOL - THEIR GOD OF WAR~


THE DURUGU BELIEVED THE LIVING APE IDOL WOULD RETURN TO LEAD THEM - BUT THE PHANTOM ENDED THESE BARBARIC RITES

THE DURUGU FOLLOWED THE PHANTOM'S LAW AND FORGOT THEIR WARLIKE WAYS -- OR ALMOST FORGOT.

NOW THE TERRIFIED JUNGLE HEARS THAT THE APE IDOL HAS COME TO LIFE AND LEADS THE DURUGU ONCE AGAIN IN WAR!

CHIEFS, I WONDER IF I'VE BEEN FOOLISH TO TAKE THIS APE IDOL TALK SERIOUSLY.
LISTEN TO THE TOM-TOMS!

THE PHANTOM IS GONE ~ THE PHANTOM'S PEACE IS DEAD--

APE IDOL OF DURUGU RULES JUNGLE. OBEY OR DIE~~~
WILSON McCOY 3-1
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CAN THE RUMOR BE TRUE - THAT THE PHANTOM FEARS THIS APE IDOL?
TIME WILL TELL.

A BURNING VILLAGE! IT LOOKS DESERTED-- NO!

I AM THE ONLY ONE LEFT, O GHOST WHO WALKS. THE LUCKY ONES FLED INTO THE WOODS - THE OTHERS ARE DEAD OR PRISONERS.
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WHO DID THIS?
THE DURUGU -- LED BY THE LIVING APE IDOL!
WILSON McCOY 3-2
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YOU SAW THIS APE IDOL?
YES! HE'S TALL AS A TREE! HE PUSHED OVER HUTS - OUR WARRIORS RAN FROM HIM IN FEAR! WHO WOULDN'T?

AS A HEAVILY LADEN FILE OF SAD NATIVES PASSES THRU THE DARK JUNGLE.

SUDDENLY, AT THE END OF THE LINE-
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DON'T BE AFRAID... WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO THE DURUGU, O GHOST WHO WALKS, WE TAKE THEM ALL OUR WEALTH.
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IF WE REFUSE, THEIR APE IDOL WILL DESTROY US. OUR HAPPY, FREE DAYS ARE GONE, O GHOST WHO WALKS.
WILSON McCOY 3-3

THE PHANTOM ENTERS THE DEEP WOODS, HOME OF THE DREADED BANDAR, THE PYGMY POISON PEOPLE.

GURAN, THE BANDAR CHIEF, GREETS HIM HAPPILY--
AT LAST - YOU ARE HERE!

GURAN, YOU ARE THE WISEST MAN IN THE JUNGLE. WHAT IS THIS APE IDOL NONSENSE?
IT IS ALL TRUE.

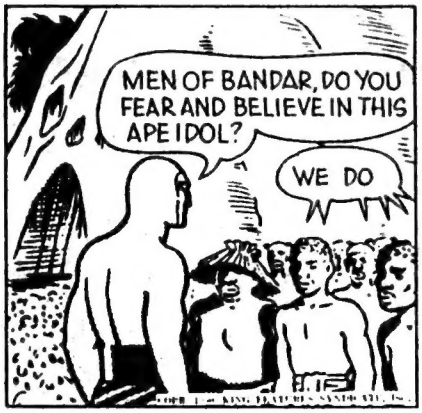
HOW CAN A STONE STATUE COME TO LIFE?
IT IS WEIRD AND STRANGE. I WILL TELL YOU, O GHOST WHO WALKS.

GURAN THE PYGMY CHIEF TELLS HOW THE LIVING APE IDOL APPEARED. "THE OLD STONE STATUE WAS ON THE GROUND"

"SUDDENLY A CLOUD OF SMOKE AROSE. WHEN IT CLEARED, THE STATUE WAS GONE - IN ITS PLACE STOOD THE APE IDOL."

AND YOU, SENSIBLE GURAN, BELIEVE THIS?
I KNOW NOT WHAT TO THINK. MANY MEN HAVE SEEN THIS LIVING APE IDOL.

GURAN, YOU SURPRISE ME. CALL THE OTHER MEN OF BANDAR. I WANT TO HEAR WHAT THEY THINK.

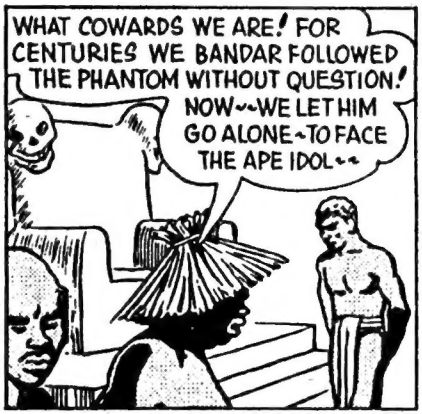

MEN OF BANDAR, DO YOU FEAR AND BELIEVE IN THIS APE IDOL?
WE DO

DO YOU BELIEVE HE IS GREATER THAN THE PHANTOM?
WE KNOW NOT.

GURAN, I GO TO MEET THIS APE IDOL OF DUFUGU.
WE SHOULD OFFER TO GO WITH HIM... BUT...

THIS IS SERIOUS - IF EVEN MY FAITHFUL BANDAR FEAR THE APE IDOL AND DOUBT ME...

...OH, WELL, I CAN'T CONDEMN THEM. WHATEVER THIS APE IDOL IS, IT'S SCARED THE DAYLIGHTS OUT OF THE WHOLE JUNGLE!


WHAT COWARDS WE ARE! FOR CENTURIES WE BANDAR FOLLOWED THE PHANTOM WITHOUT QUESTION! NOW...WE LET HIM GO ALONE - TO FACE THE APE IDOL...

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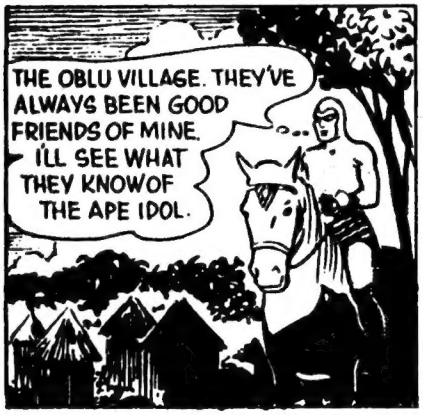

THE OBLU VILLAGE. THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN GOOD FRIENDS OF MINE. I'LL SEE WHAT THEY KNOW OF THE APE IDOL.

BUT AS HE APPROACHES, THE OBLU SCATTER IN FRIGHT--

GO AWAY! THE APE IDOL NOW RULES!
IF YOU ARE HERE, HE WILL DESTROY US!

AS THE OBLU NATIVES, FORMERLY FRIENDLY TO THE PHANTOM, GREET HIM WITH STONES-
GO AWAY, PHANTOM!

THAT NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE. THIS APE IDOL OF THE DURUGU HAS TURNED THE JUNGLE AGAINST ME

I'M ON THE EDGE OF DURUGU COUNTRY. I'LL GO THE REST OF THE WAY ON FOOT. WAIT HERE, HERO--

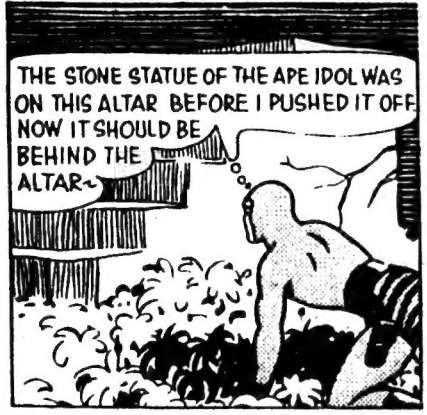
DURUGU WARRIOR- BLOCKING THE TRAIL. I CAN'T PASS HIM. I'LL HAVE TO FACE HIM.

ENTERING DURUGU COUNTRY, THE PHANTOM MEETS A DURUGU WARRIOR-

THERE'S THE VILLAGE. HMM-- SOMEONE'S COMING--

A RAIDING PARTY OF NOISY DURUGU WARRIORS RACES BY--

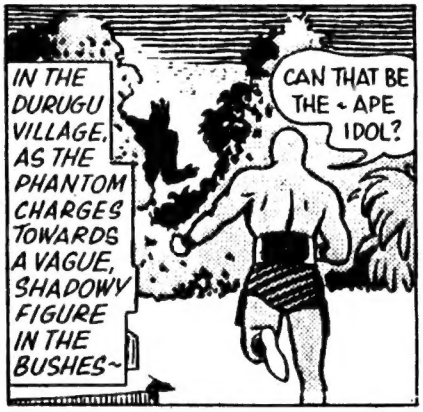
THE WALLS OF THE DURUGU VILLAGE. SOMEWHERE, BEHIND THEM, IS THE APE IDOL! IT WON'T BE LONG NOW--


THE STONE STATUE OF THE APE IDOL WAS ON THIS ALTAR BEFORE I PUSHED IT OFF. NOW IT SHOULD BE BEHIND THE ALTAR~

NOT HERE! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE THAT IT CAME TO LIFE IN A CLOUD OF SMOKE AS THEY SAID~~

THE PHANTOM'S JUNGLE SENSE SUDDENLY ALERTS HIM~~HE KNOWS HE'S BEING WATCHED~~
WHAT'S THAT?

THERE, VAGUE IN THE DARK BUSHES, HE SEES A SHADOWY, MONSTROUS FIGURE.


IN THE DURUGU VILLAGE, AS THE PHANTOM CHARGES TOWARDS A VAGUE, SHADOWY FIGURE IN THE BUSHES~
CAN THAT BE THE ~APE IDOL?

AT THIS MOMENT SCREAMING DURUGU WARRIORS BURST INTO THE CLEARING
E-YOW!

TAKE HIM ALIVE! THE APE IDOL WANTS HIM ALIVE!

COME ON, BOYS! THE MORE THE MERRIER!
THE PHANTOM'S IRON FISTS TAKE A HEAVY TOLL AMONG THE SWARMING DURUGU~

MORE AND MORE OF THEM RUSH TO THE FRAY~~

~HE FINALLY GOES DOWN UNDER A HEAP OF THE SHRIEKING, BATTERED WARRIORS!

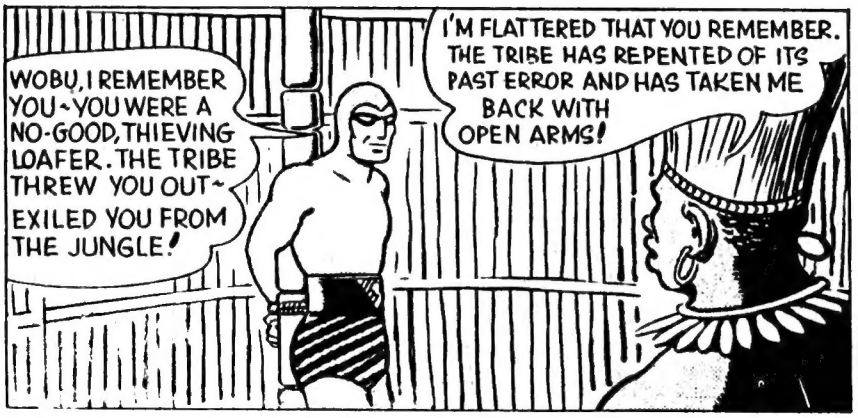
IN THE SHADOWS THE VAGUE, MONSTROUS FIGURE WATCHES THE END OF THE FIGHT.
WILSON McCOY 3-15

THE BATTERED PHANTOM COMES TO IN A LARGE DURUGU HUT
WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU, GHOST WHO WALKS

I'VE SEEN YOU BEFORE. WHO ARE YOU?
I AM WOBU, CHIEF OF THE DURUGU.

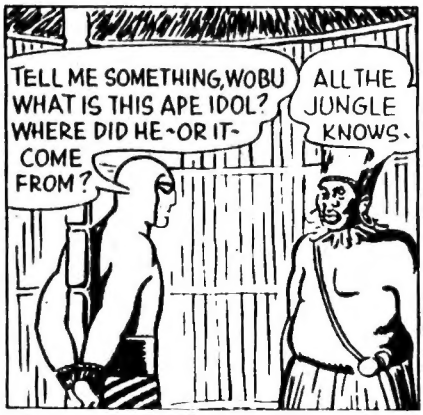
MORE IMPORTANT, I AM THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE LIVING APE IDOL.
TAKE ME TO HIM!

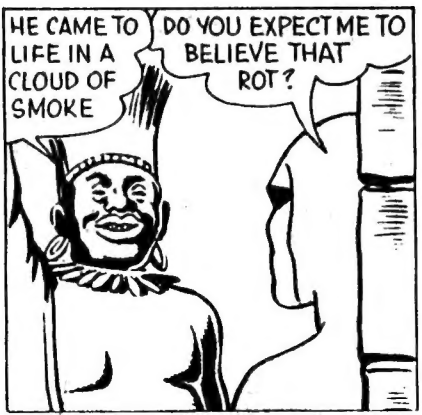
IN GOOD TIME. BEFORE WE ARE THROUGH, YOU'LL SEE MORE THAN ENOUGH OF THE APE IDOL. ENJOY BREATHING WHILE YOU CAN.


WOBU, I REMEMBER YOU - YOU WERE A NO-GOOD, THIEVING LOAFER. THE TRIBE THREW YOU OUT - EXILED YOU FROM THE JUNGLE!
I'M FLATTERED THAT YOU REMEMBER. THE TRIBE HAS REPENTED OF ITS PAST ERROR AND HAS TAKEN ME BACK WITH OPEN ARMS!

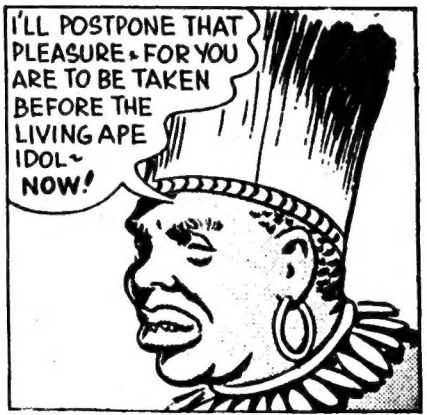
WHERE IS YOUNG DURU, THE TRUE CHIEF?
HE IS NO MORE. I AM CHIEF OF THE DURUGU.

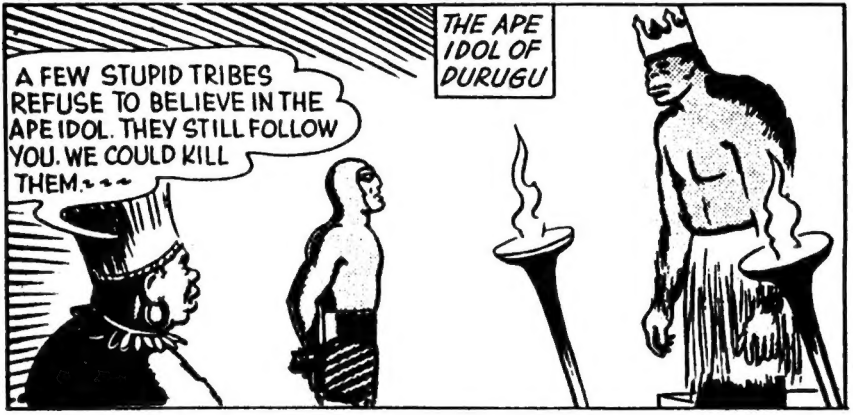
YOU - - THE WORST CHEAT IN THE TRIBE?
THAT WAS BEFORE THE APE IDOL CAME! TIMES HAVE CHANGED FOR ALL OF US - - ESPECIALLY YOU!


TELL ME SOMETHING, WOBU WHAT IS THIS APE IDOL? WHERE DID HE - OR IT - COME FROM?
ALL THE JUNGLE KNOWS.

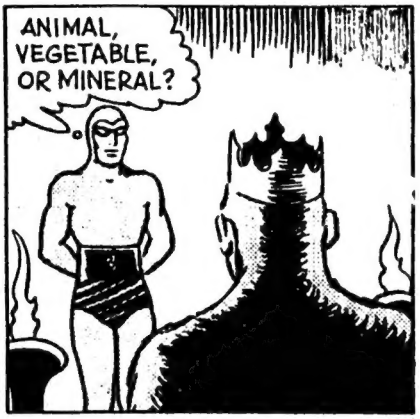

HE CAME TO LIFE IN A CLOUD OF SMOKE
DO YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT ROT?

I'D LIKE TO SPLIT YOUR SKULL LIKE A COCOANUT! I COULD - EASILY - BUT I MUST CONTROL MYSELF!


I'LL POSTPONE THAT PLEASURE - FOR YOU ARE TO BE TAKEN BEFORE THE LIVING APE IDOL - NOW!


A FEW STUPID TRIBES REFUSE TO BELIEVE IN THE APE IDOL. THEY STILL FOLLOW YOU. WE COULD KILL THEM...
THE APE IDOL OF DURUGU

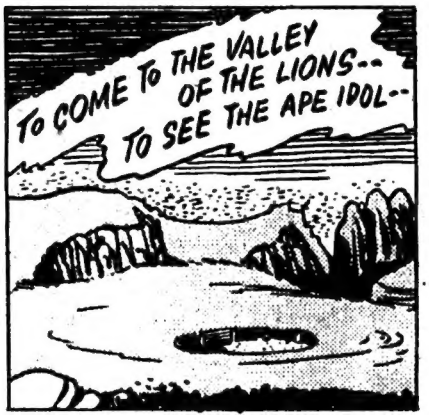
WE PREFER TO CONVINCE THEM. SO~ THE APE IDOL WILL KILL YOU IN PERSONAL COMBAT~ WITNESSED BY THE ENTIRE JUNGLE.


ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, OR MINERAL?

MIND IF I TOUCH THIS APE IDOL TO SEE IF HE'S REAL?

REAL ENOUGH, EH? HAW~HAW~

THE LIVING APE IDOL COMMANDS ALL MEN OF THE JUNGLE--

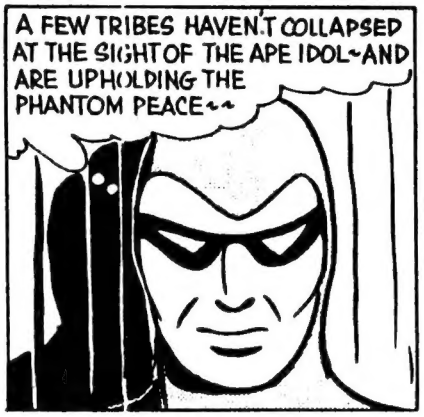

TO COME TO THE VALLEY OF THE LIONS-- TO SEE THE APE IDOL--

FIGHT THE PHANTOM, THE GHOST WHO WALKS.

ALL MEN ARE COMMANDED TO SEE THIS FIGHT TO THE DEATH.

THIS APE IDOL-BIGGER THAN ANY REAL APE I EVER SAW-THAT PAW FELT LIKE IT WAS LOADED WITH IRON WHEN IT HIT ME--

WHAT A STRANGE BUSINESS! WOBU, A FORMER LOAFER AND THIEF, EXILED BY HIS TRIBE, NOW AS CHIEF. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REAL CHIEF DURU?


A FEW TRIBES HAVEN'T COLLAPSED AT THE SIGHT OF THE APE IDOL-AND ARE UPHOLDING THE PHANTOM PEACE--

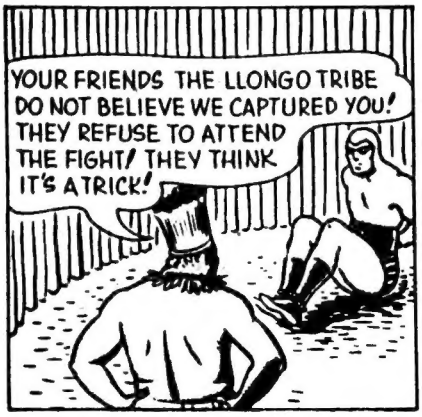
BY HAVING THEIR APE IDOL, THE DURUGU WILL END ALL OPPOSITION. HMM, I'D BETTER GET SOME REST--

BY TOM-TOM BEAT--
THE APE IDOL COMMANDS ALL JUNGLE MEN TO SEE HIM FIGHT THE PHANTOM,

AND BY MESSENGER, THE WORD IS SPREAD!
YOU WILL ALL GO TO VALLEY OF THE LIONS TO SEE OUR APE IDOL KILL THE PHANTOM.

BUT THERE IS SOME OPPOSITION
I DO NOT BELIEVE YOU DURUGU HAVE CAPTURED THE PHANTOM. THIS IS A TRICK! WE WILL NOT COME!

THE LLONGO CHIEF THINKS WE'RE LYING? VERY WELL, WE'LL SHOW HIM THAT WE HOLD THE PHANTOM!
WILSON McCOY 3-24


YOUR FRIENDS THE LLONGO TRIBE DO NOT BELIEVE WE CAPTURED YOU! THEY REFUSE TO ATTEND THE FIGHT! THEY THINK IT'S A TRICK!

GOOD FOR THE LLONGO!
BAD FOR THE LLONGO. WE'LL SHOW THEM!

WHAT IS THIS, WOBU?
WE'RE GOING TO ATTACK THE LLONGO-AND TAKE YOU ALONG!

THEY'LL SEE YOU'RE OUR PRISONER-YOU'LL SEE US DESTROY THEIR VILLAGE! THAT'LL CONVINCE EVERYBODY.

THE DURUGU, LED BY THE TERRIFYING APE IDOL, ATTACK THE LLONGO VILLAGE SAVAGELY~

THE PHANTOM IS FURIOUS AT THE DESTRUCTION DEALT TO HIS FRIENDS.
IF I COULD ONLY DO~SOMETHING~ I'M HELPLESS~~

NOW ALL THE JUNGLE WILL REALIZE NONE CAN STAND AGAINST US! ALL WILL COME TO SEE THE APE IDOL FINISH YOU.

THEY HAVE THE PHANTOM~HE IS POWERLESS~ALL HOPE FOR US IS GONE! THE APE IDOL WILL RULE.

AFTER THEIR VICTORY OVER THE LLONGO, THE DURUGU RETURN TO THEIR VILLAGE IN TRIUMPH!

IF I EVER GET MY HANDS ON YOU~ OR YOUR APE IDOL~~
YOU'LL HAVE YOUR CHANCE~~ NEVER FEAR!

THE ENTIRE JUNGLE IS GATHERING~TO SEE YOU FIGHT THE APE IDOL! HE WILL CRUSH YOU LIKE A FLY!

AS HIS EYES BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO THE DARKNESS~
HMM~I HAVE COMPANY. WHO ARE YOU?

THE PHANTOM FINDS A FELLOW PRISONER IN HIS HUT
I'LL TELL YOU NOTHING. YOU ARE~A SPY OF WOBU'S
SPY? LOOK HARDER. DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME?

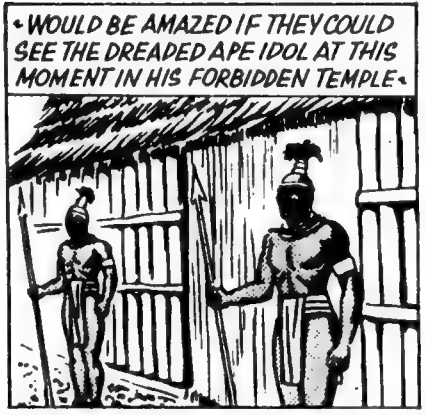
IT'S SO DARK IN HERE~YES~ NOW I SEE YOU! I AM DURU, TRUE CHIEF OF THE DURUGU, O GHOST WHO WALKS!

I WONDERED WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU. WHY IS WOBU, THE MOST USELESS AND WORST MEMBER OF YOUR TRIBE, NOW THE CHIEF?
WILSON, McCOY 3-29

AND WHERE DID THE APE IDOL COME FROM~AND WHAT IS HE?
I HAVE RACKED MY BRAIN TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. I DO NOT KNOW.

I REMEMBER WOBU WHEN I WAS A BOY. HE WAS AN IDLER, DRUNKARD AND CHEAT. ONE DAY THEY CAUGHT HIM STEALING--
"-HE WAS DRIVEN FROM THE VILLAGE, TOLD NEVER TO RETURN. HE DISAPPEARED FOR A FEW YEARS- MY FATHER DIED- I BECAME CHIEF."
"THEN THE APE IDOL APPEARED, OUT OF THE SMOKE. THAT SAME DAY WOBU ARRIVED- HE ALONE COULD UNDERSTAND THE APE IDOL'S WORDS."
NOW I AM THE CHIEF.
WOBU WAS AFRAID TO KILL ME WHILE YOU LIVED. ONCE THE APE IDOL KILLS YOU- AS HE WILL- THEN I AM DOOMED.
WILSON McCOY 3-30
ALL THE JUNGLE IS ON THE MARCH-
TODAY IS THE DAY. ALL ARE COMMANDED TO COME TO THE
-BUT ALL KNOW THE APE IDOL CANNOT LOSE--
VALLEY OF THE LIONS TO SEE THE APE IDOL KILL THE PHANTOM.
EVEN THE BANDAR, THE PYGMY POISON PEOPLE, SAFE IN THEIR DEEP WOODS, OBEY.
-AND THE NATURAL ARENA IN THE VALLEY OF LIONS FILLS UP RAPIDLY.
AS THE EXCITED JUNGLE MEN FILL THE NATURAL ARENA IN THE VALLEY OF LIONS-
-ALL EYES ARE ON THE WALLED CIRCLE WHERE THE PHANTOM WILL FACE THE APE IDOL IN A FIGHT TO THE DEATH!
WHAT A DAY FOR THE DURUGU! ALL THE JUNGLE OBEYED US! WHEN THEY SEE THE PHANTOM DIE, THEY'LL BE OUR SLAVES!
TODAY'S THE DAY. YOU MUST HAVE NERVES OF STEEL! AREN'T YOU AFRAID?
I CAN ONLY DIE ONCE, DURU. I'LL DO MY BEST.

THE GREAT CROWD WAITING TO SEE THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE PHANTOM AND THE APE IDOL OF THE DURUGU...


...WOULD BE AMAZED IF THEY COULD SEE THE DREADED APE IDOL AT THIS MOMENT IN HIS FORBIDDEN TEMPLE...

THIS IS THE DAY WE'VE WAITED FOR. THE JUNGLE'S ALMOST OURS!
WILSON, McCOY 4-3

IT HARDLY SEEMS POSSIBLE.
ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE FOR US, WOBU.

YOU'RE SURE YOU CAN BEAT THE PHANTOM?
HE WILL BE UNARMED. I'LL HAVE THIS CLUB. WHAT CAN BE MORE CERTAIN?

EVEN WITHOUT THE CLUB, THESE LEAD-FILLED PAWS CAN KILL ANY MAN!
WE TAKE NO CHANCES. THIS PHANTOM IS OUR LAST BARRIER...

...TO COMPLETE CONQUEST OF THE JUNGLE! COME. IT'S TIME TO GO TO THE ARENA.

THROW AWAY THAT CIGAR! WHAT IF SOMEONE SAW YOU SMOKING?!
OOPS ...I ALMOST FORGOT

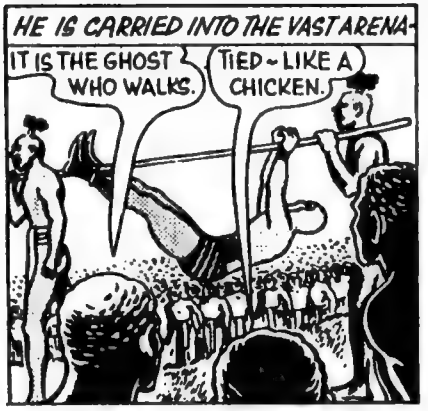
DURU, IF I BEAT THE APE IDOL, I'LL SEE THAT YOU BECOME CHIEF AGAIN OF THE DURUGU.
YOU CAN'T WIN.

YOU'RE THE JUNGLE'S LAST HOPE! WHEN YOU DIE, ALL TRIBES WILL BECOME SLAVES OF THE APE IDOL. THAT'S THE REASON FOR THIS BIG SHOW!

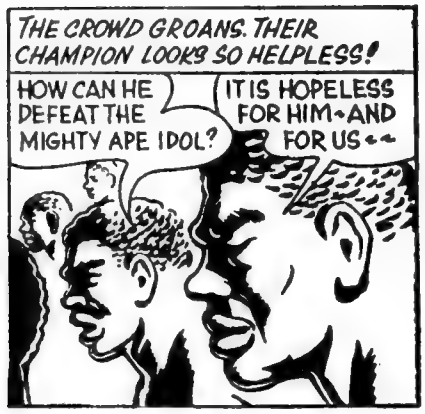
BIG SHOW? HOW RIGHT YOU ARE! WHAT A CROWD! PHANTOM, YOUR TIME HAS COME!

WILSON, McCOY 4-5
GOODBYE

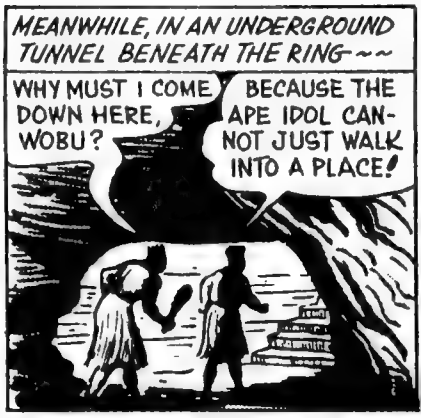
CARRY HIM THRU THE CROWD SO THEY'LL KNOW HE IS THE PHANTOM.


HE IS CARRIED INTO THE VAST ARENA-
IT IS THE GHOST WHO WALKS.
TIED - LIKE A CHICKEN.

--INTO THE FIGHTING RING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE VAST VALLEY OF THE LIONS.


THE CROWD GROANS. THEIR CHAMPION LOOKS SO HELPLESS!
HOW CAN HE DEFEAT THE MIGHTY APE IDOL?
IT IS HOPELESS FOR HIM - AND FOR US--

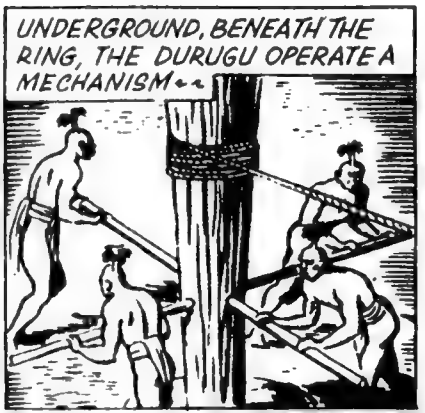
AS THE PHANTOM AWAITS HIS MYSTERIOUS OPPONENT.
MAKING ME WAIT FOR HIM! THIS IS QUITE A SHOW!

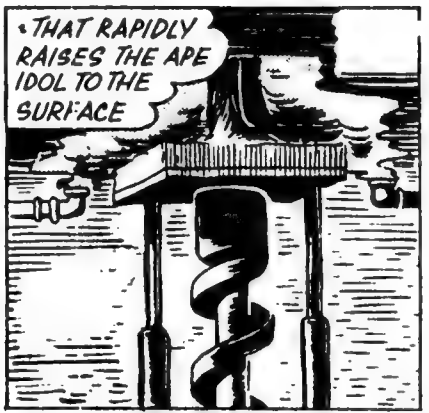

MEANWHILE, IN AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL BENEATH THE RING---
WHY MUST I COME DOWN HERE, WOBU?
BECAUSE THE APE IDOL CANNOT JUST WALK INTO A PLACE!

YOU MUST APPEAR - AS IF BY MAGIC.

THE HUGE HORNS SOUND - HERALDING THE COMING OF THE APE IDOL.
WILSON McCOY 4-7

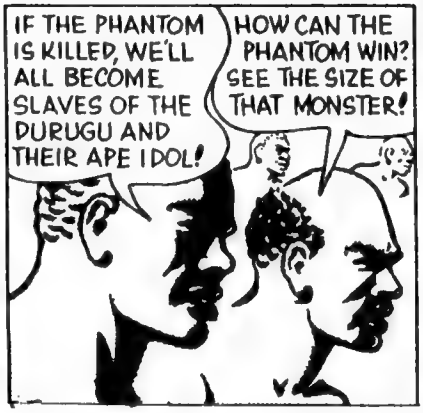
THE GREAT HORNS SOUND - SMOKE BILLOWS IN THE FIGHTING RING--
WHAT'S THIS?


UNDERGROUND, BENEATH THE RING, THE DURUGU OPERATE A MECHANISM--


- THAT RAPIDLY RAISES THE APE IDOL TO THE SURFACE

THE CROWD GASPS AS THE APE IDOL SUDDENLY APPEARS, AS IF BY MAGIC, OUT OF THE SMOKE.

IN THE FIGHTING RING, THE PHANTOM'S BONDS ARE CUT
WHAT KIND OF THING IS THIS THAT I'LL FACE -- THIS APE IDOL?


IF THE PHANTOM IS KILLED, WE'LL ALL BECOME SLAVES OF THE DURUGU AND THEIR APE IDOL!
HOW CAN THE PHANTOM WIN? SEE THE SIZE OF THAT MONSTER!

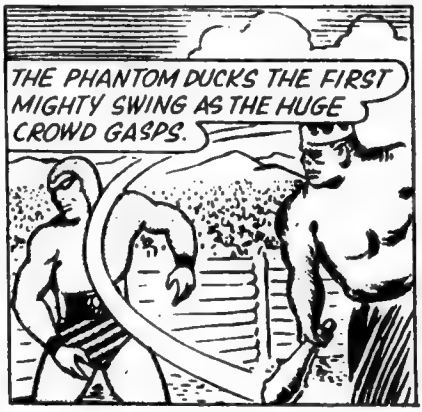
LET THE HORNS SOUND! LET THE FIGHT BEGIN - TO THE DEATH!
WILSON McCOY 4-10

A BLAST OF THE DURUGU WAR TRUMPETS HERALDS THE START OF THE GREAT FIGHT.

THE VAST JUNGLE CROWD WATCHES SILENTLY, KNOWING THEIR FREEDOM DEPENDS ON THIS BATTLE.

WHATEVER YOU ARE -- YOU'RE A BIG ONE!

IN REPLY, THE APE IDOL SWINGS HIS MIGHTY CLUB!


THE PHANTOM DUCKS THE FIRST MIGHTY SWING AS THE HUGE CROWD GASPS.

AMONG THE GREAT CROWD -- THE PYGMY BANDAR
THIS IS NOT FAIR! THE PHANTOM IS UNARMED!
IF THIS APE IDOL IS SO MIGHTY, WHY DOES HE NEED A CLUB? WHY, GURAN?

IT IS NOT A MATTER OF FAIRNESS. THE DURUGU WILL MAKE CERTAIN THEIR APE IDOL WINS - SO THEY MAY ENSLAVE THE JUNGLE!

IF THE PHANTOM LOSES THIS WAY, WE WILL SLAY ALL THE DURUGU!
EVEN WE CANNOT FACE THE ENTIRE JUNGLE. NO, IF HE LOSES, WE ALL LOSE!

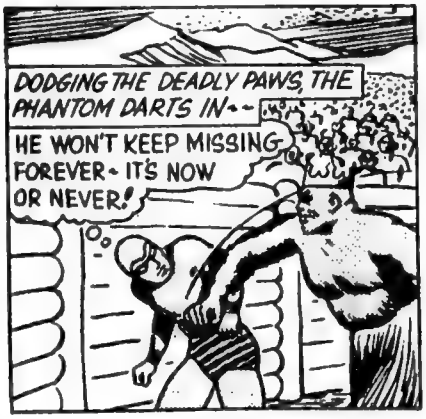
THE APE IDOL SWINGS AND SWINGS- THE PHANTOM DUCKS AND DODGES.
IF HE CONNECTS ONCE-GOOD-BYE
THE MIGHTY BLOWS SHAKE THE LOG WALL OF THE FIGHTING RING--
HE IS PLAYING WITH HIM-LIKE A CAT WITH A MOUSE. IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF MINUTES -AND THE JUNGLE WILL BE OURS!
THIS IS NO COMBAT- IT IS SLAUGHTER.
SOON-THE GHOST WHO WALKS-- WILL WALK NO MORE
THE VALLEY OF LIONS IS SILENT AS THE GREAT CROWD GIVES UP HOPE THAT ITS CHAMPION THE PHANTOM CAN WIN-
ALL HAVE GIVEN UP EXCEPT THE PHANTOM HIMSELF.
ONE MORE SWING-- AND THEN-
HIS SEEMINGLY FRANTIC DODGING IS PART OF A PLAN-HE DARTS BEHIND THE GIANT
NOW!
AND THE VAST THRONG IS SUDDENLY ELECTRIFIED!
THE GREAT CROWD SUDDENLY COMES TO LIFE-THE VALLEY OF LIONS IS FILLED WITH THEIR ROAR--
AS HE PULLS THE CLUB AWAY FROM THE IDOL, THEY ALMOST TEAR THE VALLEY APART--
BUT THEIR ROARS TURN TO AMAZEMENT AS HE TOSSES THE CLUB AWAY!
NOW-APE IDOL-WE'LL GO ON FROM HERE, MAN TO MAN-IF YOU ARE A MAN--

THE PHANTOM HAS TAKEN THE CLUB AWAY. NOW HE HAS A CHANCE!
NO - THE APE IDOL IS TOO BIG!

NOW THE APE IDOL IS TALKING, PANTING AND ANGRY -
I'LL KILL YOU - WITH MY BARE HANDS!
WITH YOUR LEAD-FILLED PAWS - YOU MEAN?

WOBU, CHIEF OF THE DURUGU, SHRIEKS FRANTICALLY AT THE APE IDOL--
FINISH HIM! FINISH HIM!

THE PHANTOM WEAVES AND DODGES, KNOWING ONE SOLID PUNCH BY THESE LEAD-FILLED PAWS MEANS DEATH!
I WILL


DODGING THE DEADLY PAWS, THE PHANTOM DARTS IN--
HE WON'T KEEP MISSING FOREVER - IT'S NOW OR NEVER!

BUT IF THE APE IDOL HAS LEAD-FILLED PAWS, THE PHANTOM HAS FISTS OF IRON.
UFF

PANDEMONIUM BREAKS LOOSE IN THE VAST ARENA AS THE CROWD GOES CRAZY--
UMPH!
NOW - IT'S MY TURN!

WOBU WATCHES IN STUNNED AMAZEMENT, HIS DREAMS OF EMPIRE FADING RAPIDLY!
NO! NO!
WILSON McCOY 4-18

THIS IS FOR THE VILLAGES YOU BURNED!
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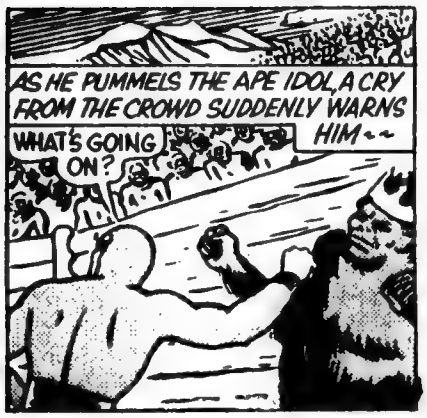
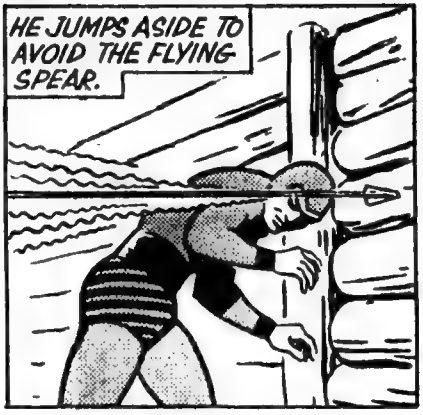
--THIS IS FOR THE PEOPLE YOU'VE ROBBED!

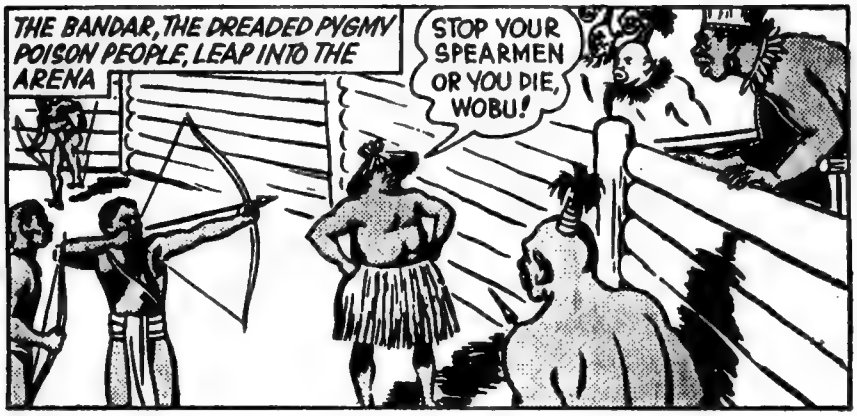
FRANTIC--WOBU CALLS TO HIS SPEARMEN.
THROW YOUR SPEARS-- KILL THE PHANTOM!


AS HE PUMMELS THE APE IDOL, A CRY FROM THE CROWD SUDDENLY WARNS HIM--
WHAT'S GOING ON?


HE JUMPS ASIDE TO AVOID THE FLYING SPEAR.

HE'S OFF GUARD FOR A MOMENT-- THE HARD PAW OF THE APE IDOL CRASHES AGAINST HIS JAW--

CAUGHT BETWEEN THE APE IDOL AND WOBU'S SPEARMEN, STUNNED BY A SUDDEN BLOW, THE PHANTOM WEAVES AND DUCKS BLINDLY.
WAIT YOUR CHANCE! THEN THROW YOUR SPEAR AT THE PHANTOM! CAREFUL- DON'T HIT THE APE IDOL--


THE BANDAR, THE DREADED PYGMY POISON PEOPLE, LEAP INTO THE ARENA
STOP YOUR SPEARMEN OR YOU DIE, WOBU!

FIGHT ON, O GALLANT GHOST WHO WALKS! WE ARE HERE TO SEE IT IS A FAIR FIGHT.

ENCOURAGED BY THE PYGMIES, AND WITH THE THREAT OF SPEARMEN NO LONGER AT HIS BACK--

-HE DRIVES AT HIS HUGE OPPONENT- USING ALL HIS POWER.
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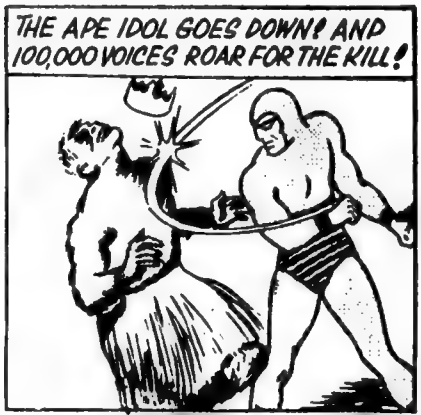

THE APE IDOL GOES DOWN! AND 100,000 VOICES ROAR FOR THE KILL!

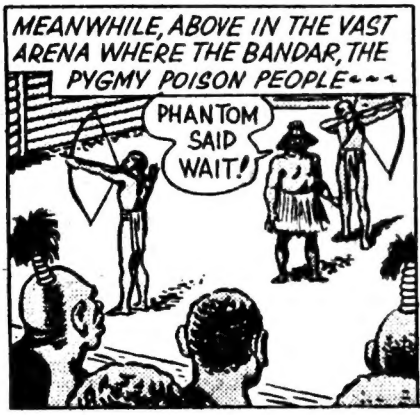
FACING DEFEAT, THE APE IDOL ESCAPES THRU A TRAP DOOR IN THE ARENA.

GURAN, LET NO ONE LEAVE THE ARENA UNTIL I RETURN.

AND AS THE HUGE JUNGLE AUDIENCE ROARS, THE PHANTOM LEAPS AFTER THE APE IDOL.

THIS IS HOW HE 'APPEARED' IN THE ARENA - THRU THIS TRAP DOOR! THERE HE GOES!

AS THE PHANTOM PURSUES THE FLEEING APE IDOL


MEANWHILE, ABOVE IN THE VAST ARENA WHERE THE BANDAR, THE PYGMY POISON PEOPLE...
PHANTOM SAID WAIT!

...HOLD THE HUGE CROWD AT BAY WITH THEIR DREADED WEAPONS.
NO ONE LEAVES UNTIL THE PHANTOM RETURNS!
WILSON McCOY 4-25
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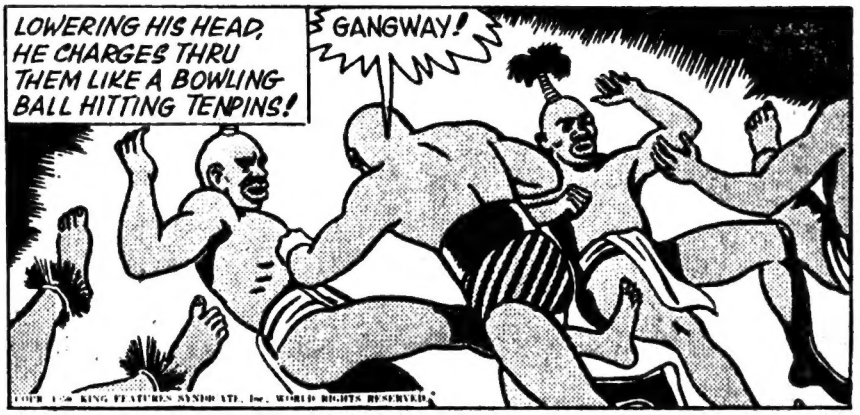
STOP HIM!

AHEAD, HE SEES THE MASSED NATIVES BLOCKING THE WAY
CORRIDOR'S GETTING CROWDED!


LOWERING HIS HEAD, HE CHARGES THRU THEM LIKE A BOWLING BALL HITTING TENPINS!
GANGWAY!
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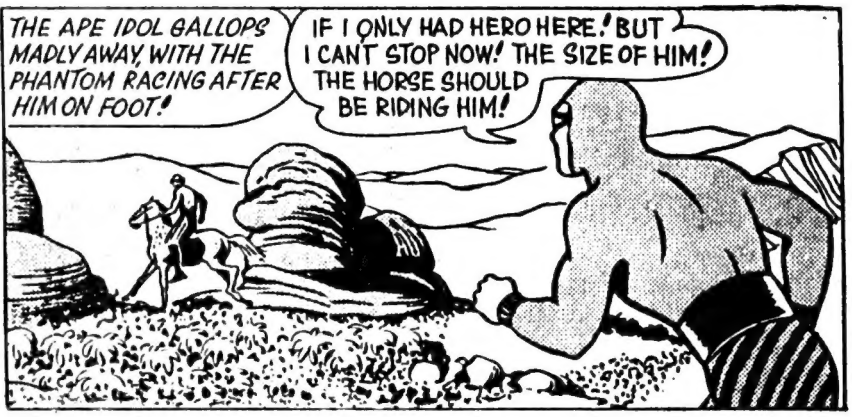
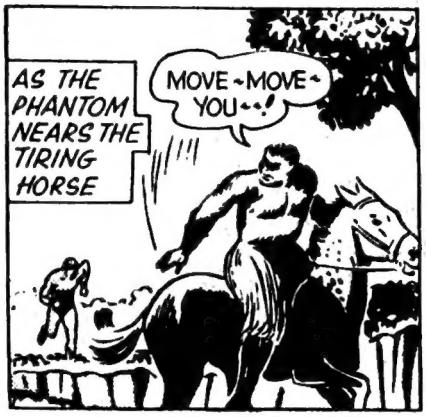
HE MUST HAVE GONE THIS WAY. NO OTHER WAY OUT.


THE APE IDOL GALLOPS MADLY AWAY, WITH THE PHANTOM RACING AFTER HIM ON FOOT!
IF I ONLY HAD HERO HERE! BUT I CAN'T STOP NOW! THE SIZE OF HIM! THE HORSE SHOULD BE RIDING HIM!

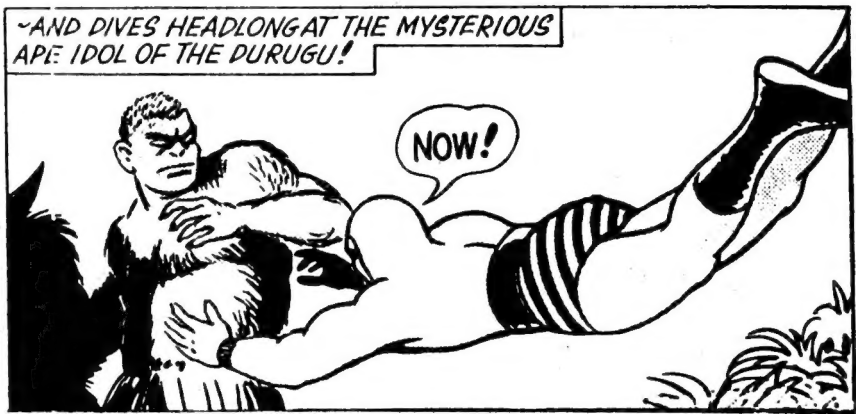
NO HORSE CAN GALLOP FAR, CARRYING THAT WEIGHT ~ HEY ~ HE'S SLOWING UP!

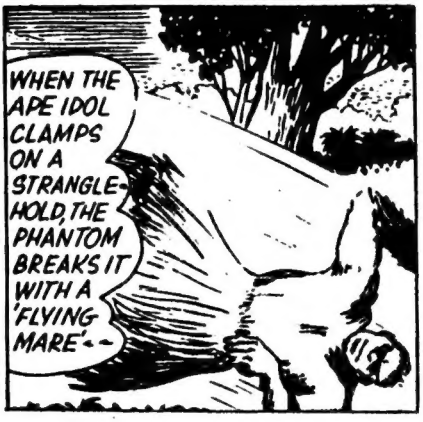
HE'S OUTRUNNING THIS NAG ~ FASTER ~ FASTER!

I CAN'T LET HIM ESCAPE NOW! I'VE GOT TO UNMASK HIM ~ FIND OUT WHO HE IS ~ LET THE WHOLE JUNGLE SEE HIM ~~


AS THE PHANTOM NEARS THE TIRING HORSE
MOVE ~ MOVE ~ YOU ~~!

HE RACES OFF THE PATH ~~ UP THE SLOPE
ANOTHER SECOND ~ AND ~~


~AND DIVES HEADLONG AT THE MYSTERIOUS APE IDOL OF THE DURUGU!
NOW!


WHEN THE APE IDOL CLAMPS ON A STRANGLE-HOLD, THE PHANTOM BREAKS IT WITH A 'FLYING MARE'--

THIS-IS THE BEST I'VE GOT! HOPE IT'S-- ENOUGH!

WILSON, MCCOY 5-1
WELL! YOU LOOKED BETTER WITH THE APE HEAD ON!
DON'T HIT ME-- AGAIN!

I THOUGHT I WAS THE STRONGEST MAN ALIVE-TILL I MET YOU--
FLATTERY'LL GET YOU NOWHERE. TELL YOUR STORY FROM THE BEGINNING!

I RASSLED ALL OVER. I WAS KNOWED AS 'THE GORILLA.'
YOU WERE A PRO WRESTLER!

"DERNED RIGHT," SAYS THE 'APE IDOL'. "I WORE THIS OUTFIT IN THE RING. THAT'S WHY I CALLED MYSELF 'THE GORILLA'"

"IT GOT TOO HOT BACK IN THE STATES-COUPLE OF RACKETS I WAS MIXED UP IN--SO I HAD TO WORK THESE JUNGLE TOWNS-"

"THIS WOBU SEEN ME FIGHT. HE COMES UP TO ME ONE NIGHT--"
YOU'RE WASTIN' YOUR TIME FER PEANUTS. I GOT A WONDERFUL IDEA
SPILL IT.

"THIS WOBU TELLS ME HIS IDEA--"
WE GOT AN OLD LEGEND ABOUT AN APE IDOL, BACK IN MY TRIBE. DARNED IF YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE HIM IN THAT RASSLING OUTFIT.

ME-PRETEND TO BE THAT STATUE-COME TO LIFE? THEY WON'T FALL FOR THAT.
SURE THEY WILL! THEY'RE A BUNCH OF IGNORANT SAVAGES. NOT EJJICATED-LIKE ME!

WE CAN RUN MY TRIBE-- COLLECT MILLIONS IN GOLD AND JEWELS. IT ALL CAME TO ME WHEN I SEEN YOU IN THAT OUTFIT!

IT SOUNDED LIKE AN EASY RACKET. I HAD NOTHIN' TO LOSE--
SO YOU AND THE RENEGADE WOBU DECIDED TO LOOT THE JUNGLE! WHAT DID YOU DO NEXT?

"IT WORKED OUT THE WAY WOBU SAID IT WOULD. WE SNEAKED IN ONE NIGHT AND BURIED THE STATUE..."

"WE SODDED IT OVER, WOBU PLANTED SOME SMOKE POTS - AND I APPEARED!"

"WOBU BECAME THE CHIEF - AND THE DOUGH ROLLED IN."
WISON MCCOY 5-4

THE JUNGLE WAS OURS. I COULDA LIVED LIKE A KING IF IT HADN'T BEEN FER YOU!
SORRY TO SPOIL YOUR FUN. NOW YOU MUST FACE THE MUSIC!

WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE ARENA. I WANT THE JUNGLE PEOPLE TO SEE YOU AS YOU ARE, BEFORE AND AFTER.
NO - YOU CAN'T TAKE ME BACK THERE

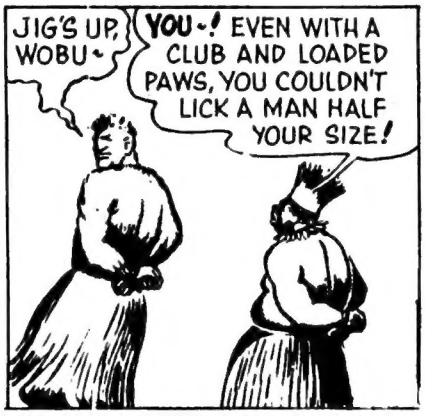
THEY'LL TEAR ME APART.
NOBODY'S TEARING ANYBODY APART! LAW AND ORDER HAVE COME BACK TO STAY.

BACK IN THE ARENA THERE IS A SUDDEN ROAR - LIKE THUNDER - FROM THE VAST CROWD...
THE APE IDOL WILL KILL YOUR PHANTOM

PHANTOM!
PHANTOM!

HERE IS THE 'APE IDOL' OF THE DURUGU - WHO TRIED TO ENSLAVE THE JUNGLE!

THE GREAT CROWD ROARS!
LET ALL THE JUNGLE SEE! HE'S A FAKE! NOTHING BUT AN OVERGROWN BULLY!


JIG'S UP, WOBU -
YOU -! EVEN WITH A CLUB AND LOADED PAWS, YOU COULDN'T LICK A MAN HALF YOUR SIZE!

WE BANDAR ASHAMED, O GHOST WHO WALKS! WE DOUBTED THAT YOU COULD DEFEAT THIS MONSTER.
BETWEEN US, SO DID I.